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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : COSTELLO  
FOR : **TAILGATE STABILIZER**  
SERIAL NO. : 10/058,188  
FILED : January 29, 2002  
EXAMINER : Devon C. Kramer  
ART UNIT : 3683  
DATE OF LAST OFFICE ACTION : May 11, 2004  
CONFIRMATION NO. : 3935  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : BGEE 2 13201

**AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**The claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 this paper.



Attorney Docket No.: BGEE 2 13201

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS FILED				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	24 - 25 =	0	x \$ 18	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0	x \$ 86	= \$0.00
TOTAL =				\$ 0.00

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.  
☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
☐ Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a **month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the applicable extension of time fees.  
☒ Applicants request any extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the required fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

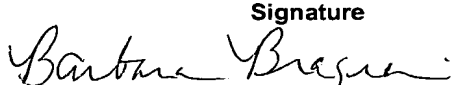
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<b>Date</b> August 11, 2004	<b>Printed Name</b> Barbara Brazier